

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Jim Benedict, who is retiring from his post as Vice President of Student Services of St. Charles Community College, on July 6, 2007; and

Whereas, a graduate of Murray State University in Kentucky with a bachelor of arts in English and a minor in speech and a master of arts in speech, Jim Benedict also earned a bachelor of divinity in theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky; and

Whereas, Jim Benedict earned his Ph.D. in Educational Administration with an emphasis in higher education from Illinois State University; and

Whereas, prior to joining St. Charles Community College, Jim Benedict held the offices of Assistant Pastor and Pastor, as well as positions as Instructor, Assistant to the President, Dean of Development and Community Services, and Interim President at Lincoln Trail College in Illinois, after which he moved to Wabash Valley College, also in Illinois, where he held the office of President; and

Whereas, Jim Benedict joined St. Charles Community College in May 1987, when he held the position of Director of Admissions, Records and Research, and after working for the college for three years, he became the Associate Dean of Students; and

Whereas, Jim Benedict was promoted to Dean of Students in July 1995, and after two years, he became the Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness; and

Whereas, shortly thereafter, Jim Benedict became the Vice President of Student Services, a position he has held for the last nine years; and

Whereas, Jim Benedict plans to spend his much-deserved free time on his best loved hobbies, building and piloting radio-controlled airplanes, gardening, playing the guitar, and fishing; and

Whereas, Jim Benedict enjoys the love and support of a wonderful family which includes his wife, four sons, and eight grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to congratulate Jim Benedict on the illustrious occasion of his retirement from the education profession which he has served so generously and so well; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Jim Benedict.

Offered by _____
Representative Sally A. Faith
District No. 15

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker